are uniformly dispersed in a liquid medium and have an average particle size within the range of 1 to 20 μm, and

a coagulating liquid for forming the hollow fiber membrane,

to obtain a spun hollow fiber membrane; and

extracting and removing said microparticles by immersing said spun hollow fiber membrane into an extracting solution effective to dissolve said microparticles, but ineffective to dissolve said base polymer;

wherein said porous hollow fiber membrane has a permselectivity; wherein a particle cutoff is within the range of 1 to 10 μm; and wherein a pure water permeate flow is equal to or higher than 30,000 $L/m^2/hr/100kPa$.

BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENT

Claim 6 has been amended to include the particle cut off and water permeate flow as supported by Claim 1.

Upon entry of this amendment Claims 1-30 will now be active in this application.

Claims **10-28** stand withdrawn from further consideration as being drawn to non-elected subject matter.

As discussed in the response filed February 24, 2003, Parham et al and Stengaard, neither disclose nor suggest the claimed method for making the claimed membrane having a **particle cutoff** of **1 to 10μm** or the claimed **water permeate flow**.

A copy of the Request for Reconsideration as filed February 24, 2003, including the date-stamped filing receipt, is attached herewith.

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance and early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

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